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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Response to Restriction Requirement. Claims 1-5 and 10-19 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; claims 6-9 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention, claims 20-23 remain as originally presented, and new claims 24-29 have been added. Therefore, claims 20-29 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Consonant with the elections of Group II and Species A in the Response to Restriction, it is respectfully submitted that claims 20-23 are generic to both Species A and Species B. New claims 24-27 are respectfully submitted to read on the elected invention, whereas claims 27 and 28 are respectfully submitted to be read on non-elected Species B.

No new matter has been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the present application in condition for examination and allowance, and an early notification of such is earnestly solicited.

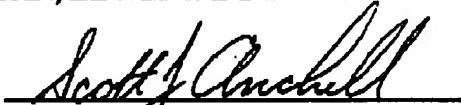
Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,
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